

**MINUTES  
LANCASTER COUNTY BOARD OF CORRECTIONS  
QUARTERLY MEETING  
COUNTY-CITY BUILDING  
ROOM 113  
THURSDAY, OCTOBER 28, 2004  
8:30 A.M.**

Board Members Present: Bernie Heier, Chair  
Larry Hudkins  
Bob Workman  
Ray Stevens

Board Members Absent: Deb Schorr

Others Present: Mike Thurber, Corrections Director  
Kerry Eagan, Chief Administrative Officer  
Gwen Thorpe, Deputy Chief Administrative Officer  
Trish Owen, Chief Deputy County Clerk  
Ann Taylor, County Clerk's Office

The Chair opened the meeting at 8:35 a.m.

**AGENDA ITEM**

**1 APPROVAL OF THE JUNE 24, 2004 BOARD OF CORRECTIONS MINUTES**

**MOTION:** Stevens moved and Hudkins seconded approval of the Board of Corrections minutes of June 24, 2004. Hudkins, Heier, Stevens and Workman voted aye. Motion carried

**2 POPULATION STATISTICS**

A. Population Comments

Mike Thurber, Corrections Director, said there has been a slight decrease in daily population over the last quarter (4.2%). The largest decrease is at the Airpark Facility (8.2%).

Thurber said the Mental Health Jail Diversion Program has kept 42 individuals from returning to jail on new charges or revocations over the last nine months.

B. Population Graphs

See agenda packet.

C. Monthly Statistical Report

See agenda packet.

**3 OTHER ACTIVITIES**

A. Nebraska Jail Standards

Thurber said the Nebraska Commission on Law Enforcement and Criminal Justice conducted an annual evaluation of the two adult detention facilities on August 31, 2004. The Adult Detention Facility was found to be out of compliance with Jail Standards and Lancaster County must indicate how it plans to address the issue of population growth in the Adult Detention Facility.

B. Ident-A-Kid Booth

Thurber said 1,342 children were printed at the 2004 Nebraska State Fair.

C. Good News Jail & Prison Ministries

Thurber said there were 250 church sessions or Bible studies for both facilities over the last three months. Approximately 100 volunteers from 46 area churches assist with the Good News Jail & Prison Ministries Program.

D. Mental Health Jail Diversion Project

Thurber said approximately 2,800 individuals entering the Jail have received some form of assessment to determine whether they are appropriate candidates for the Mental Health Jail Diversion Project. He said 40 of the 2,800 entered into the program through interviews and assessments. It is estimated that 40 to 50 individuals will enter the program in the grant's second year. This number is likely to push the program beyond its capacity. The need for such programs continues to grow.

E. Lancaster Correctional Facility (LCF) Updates

Thurber reported on the Community Service Program and County Road Litter Pick-Up Program activities.

**MOTION:** Workman moved and Hudkins seconded to issue a press release on the Mental Health Jail Diversion Project and the County Road Litter Pick-Up Program. Workman, Stevens, Hudkins and Heier voted aye. Motion carried.

#### **4 ADJOURNMENT**

**MOTION:** Stevens moved and Hudkins seconded to adjourn the Board of Corrections at 9:02 a.m. Workman, Stevens, Hudkins and Heier voted aye. Motion carried.

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Bruce Medcalf  
Lancaster County Clerk